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FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT: INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Commission, Ms. Jenny Gierveld (Netherlands), on the basis of informal consultations

Technical symposium on international migration

The Commission on Population and Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 50/123 of 20 December 1995 in which the Assembly, inter alia, recognized the importance from an analytical and operational point of view of identifying the existing linkages among the social, economic, political and cultural factors related to international migration and development, and of taking appropriate steps to intensify the analysis of issues involved,

Recalling also the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,[1] in particular chapter X on international migration,

Recalling further the relevant provisions contained in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development[2] and the Programme of Action of the World

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[1] Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[2] Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

Summit for Social Development[3] and in the Platform for Action[4] adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Task Force on Basic Social Services for All (E/CN.9/1997/4), in particular as regards the activities of the Task Force's Working Group on International Migration;

2. Takes note with interest of the holding of a technical symposium of experts on international migration in 1998 under the auspices of the Working Group on International Migration of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Task Force on Basic Social Services for All and urges the Working Group to ensure the participation of experts from all regions and to ensure that the invited experts are of the highest possible calibre;

3. Invites the Working Group, building upon all relevant past experience, including the conclusions expressed in the above-mentioned report of the Task Force on Basic Social Services for All, to continue its collaboration in the planning and convening of the technical symposium so as to provide greater insight and information on inflows, outflows, returns and integration of migrants;

4. Invites the Working Group to develop an agenda that builds on existing recommendations on definitions of international migration, focuses on the identification of measurable indicators, and analyses experiences on policies and mechanisms concerning the management of international migration;

5. Requests the Chairperson of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Task Force on Basic Social Services for All to make every effort to raise the necessary extrabudgetary resources to prepare and hold the technical symposium;

6. Also requests the Chairperson of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Task Force on Basic Social Services for All to report to the Commission on Population and Development at its 1998 session on the progress made in the organization of the technical symposium, including the list of invited experts and the provisional agenda;

7. Further requests the Chairperson of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Task Force on Basic Social Services for All to disseminate the results of the symposium to Member States and other relevant parties, and to report back to the Commission on Population and Development at its 1999 session.

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[3] Ibid., annex II.

[4] Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995 (A/CONF.177/20 and Add.1), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.